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Mark Kyle, Undersecretary of State State of California Elections Division 1500 11th Street, 5th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Kyle:

This letter is to follow up on the March 23, 2004 letter regarding the processing of AB 190/SB613 provisional ballots. In the interim and as suggested by your staff, we are proceeding with the processing of these ballots utilizing the method employed in both San Joaquin and Kern counties. This method uses the certified GEMS 1.18.18 software.

Although more cumbersome and time consuming than the software utility solution outlined in the March 23 letter, we are proceeding immediately with the processing of these ballots in the manner described above.

We are, however, awaiting your response to our March 23, 2004 request for use of the utility solution as described in that letter, which would expedite this process considerably.

Please call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

SALLY McPHERSON Registrar of Voters

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